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TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA FLASH

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV FLASH

INFO AMEMBASSY TOKYO IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, XF, TC, JA

SUBJECT: JAPAN AIR HIJACKING TO DUBAI

1. GOJ HAS APPROACHED EMB TOKYO GIVING THEIR CURRENT APPRAISAL HIJACKING SITUATION. GOJ BELIEVES THAT THIS IS NOT RPT NOT KAMIKAZI TYPE OPERATION. IT UNDERSTANDS ALSO THAT HIJACKERS HAVE AGREED TO PRESERVE SECURITY OF PASSENGERS. IT SEES GREAT SIMILARITIES TO LUFTHANSA HIJACKING INTO ADEN LAST YEAR, NOTABLY IN SPECIFICS ON TYPES OF MONEY TO BE PAID OVER IN RANSOM. GOJ BELIEVES PLANE WILL FLY TO ADEN--2 HOURS 40 MINUTES FLIGHT TIME-- AND FEARS LANDING DIFFICULTIES BECAUSE HEAVY FUEL LOAD. THUS PLANE MIGHT HAVE TO CIRCLE BEFORE LANDING.

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2. GOJ FONOFF INDICATED NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUING BETWEEN

JAPANESE MISSION DUBAI, VIA UAE MINDEF WITH HIJACKERS.  
IF AND WHEN PLANE TOOK OFF, GOJ WOULD ASK US TO REQUEST  
OUR EMBASSIES IN JIDDA AND TEL AVIV PASS ONCE AGAIN (AS  
YOU DID YESTERDAY) GOJ PLEA NOT RPT NOT TO INTERCEPT PLANE  
WHILE OVER SAUDI OR ISRAELI AIRSPACE. (SEE STATE 143961  
AND 143962)

3. IT WAS NOT NOW RPT NOT NOW, HOWEVER, MAKING SUCH A  
REQUEST, BUT MERELY ALERTING USG TO POSSIBILITY SUCH  
REQUEST WOULD BE FORTHCOMING SHOULD PLANE TAKE OFF.

4. THE FOREGOING IS TO ALERT YOU ONLY ABOUT POSSIBLE  
PASSING OF MESSAGE OF OBVIOUS HUMANITARIAN IMPORT.  
CONDITIONS OF PASSING MESSAGE WOULD BE UNCHANGED FROM  
REFTEL NAMELY IN COORDINATION WITH JAPANESE EMBASSY, AND  
AS JAPANESE MESSAGE NOT OF USG ORIGIN. ROGERS

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